

## Message Text

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ACTION NEA-07

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3273  
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S E C R E T BEIRUT 1019

LIMDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINS, PINR, LE, SY, IS, PLO  
SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON SITUATION

REF: STATE 051026

1. OUR INFORMATION, DRAWN MOSTLY FROM DATT SOURCES,  
DOES NOT REPEAT NOT CONFIRM ANY SIGNS OF SYRIAN  
INTENTION TO SEND REGULAR FORCES SOUTH OF THE LITANI  
IN THE STRENGTH REFERRED TO IN REF TDF1RDB. MENTION  
OF SYRIANS "DRESSED IN PLO UNIFORMS" MAY BE REFERENCE  
TO SYRIAN ARMY ELEMENTS FIGHTING IN SAIQA UNIFORMS.  
AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, THERE ARE A TOTAL OF 700 - 1000  
SAIQA TROOPS IN SOUTHERN LEBANON OF WHICH LESS THAN  
HALF ARE SYRIAN. APPROXIMATELY 250 OF THESE (MOSTLY  
SYRIAN) WERE IN REGIE DE TABAC BUILDING IN NABATIYAH  
AND PARTICIPATED IN FIGHTING AGAINST REJECTIONISTS.  
WE HAVE NO INFORMATION OF ANY CLASHES BETWEEN  
SYRIANS AND CHRISTIANS. BELIEVE NABATIYAH-INSAR  
ROAD IS CONTROLLED BY FATAH NOT REPEAT NOT SYRIANS.

2. PARA 2 OF REF TDF1RDB IS SUBSTANTIALLY  
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CORRECT TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE.

3. IR SENT BY DATT MARCH 9 GIVES MORE DETAILS ON  
LATEST MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTH LEBANON.  
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